on the expiry of Indo-German Fertilizer Education Project, termination notices were not issued. On the other hand, in accordance with the spirit of the assurances they have been given options to said employees to work against posts available under other foreign aided projects viz. Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project and Dry-Land Farming Project.

(c) The Government of West Bengal have requested for the continuation of the Project.

(d) It has not been found possible to accede to the request of the Government of West Bengal. However, as mentioned at (b), alternative avenues for continued employment have been offered to the said employees.

Delay in construction of captive power plant for the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation

2031. SHRI O.J JOSEPH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation about delay in the erection of captive power plant for the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation at Durgapur;

(b) the time taken for building up the power plant at Durgapur;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when the work is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The project was scheduled to be completed by middle of 1981. It is now expected to be completed by end of 1985, a slippage of four and half years approximately.

(c) The main reasons for the delay are:—

(i) general industrial unrest of the contractor's labour at the work site;

(ii) the contractor's shop, and

(iii) at the establishment of a major equipment supplier.

Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Plant at Malkapur

2032. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :

SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers have carried out feasibility study of a fertilizer plant at Malkapur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Survey on the Availability of Camels in Gujarat and Rajasthan

2033. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot survey has been conducted by the Zoological Survey of India or any other department or agency on the availability of camels in Gujarat and Rajasthan;